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For: <i>A Crystal of Bacterial Core RNA Polymerase</i>	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner Borin:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2003 in connection with the ~~application~~ ^{JAN 26 2004} ~~Serial No. 09/782,714~~ identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Response. The deadline for filing this response has been extended by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time and associated fee.

Please amend the abstract and claims of the subject application as indicated herein. Applicants hereby cancel claims 21-22, as requested by the Examiner.

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In the abstract

Please replace the entire abstract with the following:

The present invention is directed toward crystals of a core RNA polymerase that diffract to high resolution and are suitable for detailed three-dimensional structure analysis.